

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: April 16, 2004

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Fees

Section(s) Affected: Title 16, Division 39, California Code of Regulations, Section 4131

SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATIONS:

The specific purpose of the regulation is to amend California Code of Regulations section 4130 to reduce the fee for license or certification renewal and delinquent renewal.

FACTUAL BASIS/NECESSITY:

Existing law authorizes the Board to charge occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants a license or certification renewal fee not to exceed \$150 annually and a delinquent fee that is 50% of the renewal fee. When the Board was established, the renewal fees were set at the maximum amount of \$150 to create a fiscally sound fund condition in an amount necessary to support its regulatory activities. To date, the Board has licensed over 9,000 practitioners and the fund condition now supports a reduction in fees. The proposed regulation would reduce renewal fees to \$100 annually and delinquent fees to \$50.

UNDERLYING DATA:

California Board of Occupational Therapy CALSTARS Reports and Fund Condition

BUSINESS IMPACT:

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on business. The proposed regulation will only affect licensees and certificate holders.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT:

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES:

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulations.